

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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COMPLAINTS AGAINST PANCHAYATI RAJ INSTITUTIONS

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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a large number of complaints relating to the works executed by the Panchayati Raj institutions have been received by the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and till date;
- (c) the number of Sarpanchs in Madhya Pradesh against whom the complaints have been received during the said period;
- (d) whether any action plan is under consideration of the Government for redressal of these complaints;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to bring transparency in the works which are executed by the Panchayati Raj institutions?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) to (f): Yes, Sir. Complaints relating to works executed by the Panchayati Raj Institutions are being received both at the State and Central level. Since Panchayati Raj is a State subject, there is no mechanism to monitor such complaints at the Central level. However, the complaints received from different States including Madhya Pradesh are referred to the concerned State Government for taking necessary action as per their Panchayati Raj Act and the other relevant laws and rules existing in the States. The Central Government has been requesting the State Governments, from time to time, to issue necessary instructions to empower Gram Sabhas, to ensure people's right to information and accessibility to the records of works executed by Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs). A four pronged approach has recently been suggested - namely public awareness regarding programmes being implemented, transparency, involvement of people in execution of works and social audit by Gram Sabhas. Besides, there are Vigilance & Monitoring Committees to supervise and monitor the implementation of the works of all rural development schemes of this Ministry.